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By Azi Paybarah in Manhattan, Jimmy Vielkind in Albany, and Mike Allen in D.C., with Daniel Lippman

DE BLASIO IN ALBANY - POLITICO New York's Laura Nahmias, Sally Goldenberg and Jimmy Vielkind: Mayor Bill de Blasio may have come to the Capitol on Tuesday to ask state lawmakers for help with affordable housing programs and homeless shelter allowances, but he found himself forced to answer a barrage of questions about an unexpected issue as more than a half-dozen lawmakers pressured him to allow a property tax cap in the city. The rest of the state's localities are subject to a 2 percent cap on the growth of their property taxes, which they can override at the local government level, under a law enacted during Gov. Andrew Cuomo's first year in office in 2011. But New York City wasn't part of the cap. Senate Republicans have advanced proposals to cap New York City's property taxes each year for the past three years, to little avail. The issue briefly bubbled up again this past fall when Senate majority leader John Flanagan suggested the city implement a 2 percent cap after a forum in Manhattan.

But the issue took up the lion's share of time in a grilling of the mayor that lasted nearly five hours, as lawmakers made the argument that city should enact a cap in exchange for the Legislature's willingness to protect the city from proposed budget cuts that could cost the city \$1 billion in the coming fiscal year. The back-and-forth with de Blasio could signal that Senate Republicans intend to try, over the coming months of budget negotiations, to trade the Medicaid cuts for a cap in growth in city property tax assessments, a deal that would echo the Cuomo administration's own logic when it first proposed the cuts in the governor's executive budget. Another dynamic at work in the sudden vigor with which lawmakers have begun discussing the potential of a property tax cap is the plight of real estate developers, who have found themselves bereft after the expiration of the 421-a program, a lucrative tax break designed to help spur development. <http://politi.co/1nmSHCd>

-- **WNYC's Brigid Bergin:** "There are lawmakers who want to make this a bargaining chip in negotiations with the city." <http://goo.gl/HyZC6o>

-- **De Blasio press secretary @KarenHinton:** "Can someone explain to me why the City has spent four hours talking about property taxes today in Albany?" <https://goo.gl/4u49bJ>

-- **S.I. Advance's @AnnaESanders:** "Because property taxes directly affect hundreds of thousands of people in NYC, unlike horse carriages." <https://goo.gl/k6ehxL>

-- **De Blasio was critical** of Cuomo's proposal to change how the city issues bonds for affordable housing. <http://politi.co/1nmQXsJ>

-- **Upstate mayors** applauded the planned investment in infrastructure but are still seeking more unrestricted state assistance. <http://press.sn/1nmQqa1>

-- **Many cities made the case** that they lagged behind their compatriots. Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan asked for \$12.5 million as a budgetary "bridge" to a more sustainable future. <http://bit.ly/1nmQGGi>

-- **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner** said the state should raise taxes on the rich to help urban schools. <http://bit.ly/1nmSWNF>

UBER'S ASK OF CUOMO - POLITICO New York's Dana Rubinstein: Uber's vast political operation doesn't just lobby, advertise and cajole. It also drafts gubernatorial dictates. This summer, during Uber's ferocious battle to defeat de Blasio's plan for a temporary cap on its growth, the car-hail app offered Cuomo a prepackaged method for undermining his sometimes foe. It gave an already written executive order to Cuomo's top aides that would have, for two years, negated the de Blasio administration's ability to regulate Uber within the borders of New York City. It also provided Cuomo with an alternative, a draft agreement that would have enabled the state Department of Motor Vehicles to operate a six-month statewide pilot with Uber.

It remains unclear what the governor wants in an Uber regulatory framework, but the draft executive order and temporary operating agreement provide insight into Uber's inclinations. The executive order (which comes complete with an executive order number) would have created a two-year pilot program in New York State allowing for so-called "transportation network companies" to operate unfettered. Car-hail apps would no longer have been subject "to any licensing requirements imposed on those businesses by any municipality or municipal agency, board or commission." <http://politi.co/1nmTFyr>

HOOSICK FALLS FACTORY HIRES LOBBYING FIRM-POLITICO New York's Scott Waldman: The company whose factory regulators worry may have tainted the water supply of the village of Hoosick Falls has hired a top lobbying firm, as it braces for federal and state investigations and the possibility of enormous cleanup and legal costs. Saint-Gobain - the French company that for decades has made Teflon-coated materials at a plant in the village - has

retained Cozen O'Connor, which has offices in Albany, New York City and Washington, D.C. Kenneth Fisher, a former New York City councilman, and Stuart Shorenstein are working with the France-based company. The company paid Cozen O'Connor \$160,000 for lobbying in 2015, according to OpenSecrets.org. The firm's lobbyists have already begun outreach to federal elected officials in the state. <http://politi.co/1nwZp9n>

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Anything that would artificially limit our ability to gather resources would undermine all of our efforts." -- **Mayor Bill de Blasio**, resisting state lawmaker's push for a property tax cap in NYC, via POLITICO New York: <http://politi.co/1Qr1Xz9>

BONUS QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I think we might be seeing the first instance where criminal justice reform is actually sinking the candidacy of a Democratic candidate." -- **Jamil Smith** of The New Republic, on Martin O'Malley, via WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show: <http://goo.gl/X4zxy2>

TABS -- Post: "ALARM BELL! Heat on fire commish for snow job" -- **Daily News:** "Racist Rocker latest loon to back Trump: INSANE CLOWN POSSE" -- **amNY:** "DOGGONE IT! Pet fans say city's tight regs could ruin new law allowing pups at restaurants" -- **Metro:** "CHILL OUT! Cool down the snow rage, a psychologist says. The snow will melt away eventually." **SEE THEM:** <https://goo.gl/jOfwxf>

-- **Hamodia:** "New York Bill Would Blacklist Companies Boycotting Israel" -- **El Diario** [translated]: We're going to the 'college': City schools spend workday so that students can apply for colleges. Despite progress, Latinos have not closed the gap in comparison with other groups.

FRONT PAGES -- NYT, 1-col. above the fold: "Trump, in Feud With Network, Shuns Debate: Fox Anchor He Derided Will Be a Moderator" -- **WSJNY**, 2-col. above the fold: "Lawmakers Urge De Blasio to Cap City's Tax Rate"

WAKING THE DAILY NEWS - New York Magazine's Sridhar Pappu: "The latest and most visible manifestation of [its] new strategic direction is a reinvention of the paper's 'wood' - newsman-speak for page one - for an era of hyperpartisan social sharing. Just as tabloid covers used to amuse, inform, and outrage passersby on the sidewalk, enticing them to pick them up and read all about it, the *Daily News* has arguably been the most aggressive and successful newspaper brand at turning the old-school institution of a front page into an irresistibly 'like'-able image on Facebook - at least for people who don't care for the right-wing politics of the New York *Post*. 'You've seen it with the gun issue; you've seen it with Trump,' [New York *Daily News* editor-in-chief Jim Rich], 44, explained one afternoon in early January in the paper's quarters downtown. 'We don't shy away from the controversial issue...' Whether this strategy can ultimately help save the storied, humbled paper itself is difficult to know. Newspapers are expensive operations, and it's still hard to pay the bills with clicks. But at least something is back: the 'sizzle.' The paper the *Post* used to taunt as the 'Daily Snooze' has definitely woken up." <http://nym.ag/1Siil6Z>

**** A Message from JPMorgan Chase & Co.:** There could be 136,600 fewer people living in poverty in NY. That's the impact the state could see with a just a 10% increase in the number of underemployed citizens who earn certificates or associate degrees, according to the National

Association of State Directors Career Technical Education. JPMorgan Chase is investing \$75 million to expand high-quality career-focused education around the world. Find out how.
<http://bit.ly/1QctunQ> **

THE DIGOUT -- "It Really Really Really Really Really Sucks In New York City Right Now," by BuzzFeed's Matt Stopera: "It's that time of year. The worst time of year. The time of year when all of this nasty-ass snow melts into unforgiving puddles of doom. The time of year when every street corner is a gamble." <http://bzfd.it/1nxD1g8>

--"Most Roads Are Clear, Why Not The Crosswalks?" by Times' Nathan Tempey: "As Sanitation Department plows began to clear snow from the last remaining side streets in the city this morning, many non-driving New Yorkers navigated thigh-high mounds of snow on street corners. Some cursed silently as they slipped on the underlying slush and imagined the black snow, ribbed ice, and slush lagoons to come. Others took out their phones to shame the property owners, for failing to shovel, and the city, for prioritizing clear passage for cars over clear paths for pedestrians." <http://bit.ly/1PjbmCX>

MAYOR OF THE WORLD -- "Al Sharpton sure sounds supportive of a Bloomberg candidacy," by Post's Carl Campanile: "Mayor Bloomberg's top political adviser held a private meeting with Al Sharpton on Tuesday, and the reverend emerged saying minority voters would emerge as big winners if the city's former mayor ran for president. 'For African-Americans and Latino voters, a 50-state run will enhance our leverage and get our interests addressed. We wouldn't just be focusing on a few primary states,' Sharpton told The Post after the breakfast huddle with Bloomberg aide Kevin Sheekey at the Regency hotel." <http://nyp.st/204oe5>

--"A Bloomberg presidential bid would reignite feisty public health debate," by STAT's Ike Swetlitz: "Mayor Michael Bloomberg is contemplating a presidential bid that could shake up the political landscape - and kick start a rowdy national conversation on how far government should go to protect public health." <http://bit.ly/1WNIUTo>

-- "Mike Bloomberg Is Worth \$49 Billion, Much More Than Most People Thought," by Re/code's Edmund Lee: "Forbes says Mike Bloomberg is worth \$35.6 billion. Donald Trump says it can't be that much. They're both wrong. Here's the real number: \$48.8 billion. ... Our number is different because the Forbes ranking is based on a 2013 analysis of Bloomberg's company, Bloomberg LP. We updated the estimate with our own reporting and a slightly different, I think better, analysis." <http://on.recode.net/1ZS7YY8>

THE TALK OF WALL STREET - "The World's Favorite New Tax Haven Is the United States," by Bloomberg's Jesse Drucker: "After years of lambasting other countries for helping rich Americans hide their money offshore, the U.S. is emerging as a leading tax and secrecy haven for rich foreigners. By resisting new global disclosure standards, the U.S. is creating a hot new market, becoming the go-to place to stash foreign wealth. Everyone from London lawyers to Swiss trust companies is getting in on the act, helping the world's rich move accounts from places like the Bahamas and the British Virgin Islands to Nevada, Wyoming, and South Dakota." <http://bloom.bg/1SJDd8A>

ALARM BELL -- "New York City's Pension System in Danger of 'Operational Failure,' Report Says," by Times' Susanne Craig: "New York City's pension system, which encompasses \$160 billion in retirement funds, is rife with problems that leave it vulnerable to an 'operational failure,' according to an independent report commissioned by the city comptroller's office. The report found that the city's retirement system, the fourth largest in the country, needs additional resources, is understaffed and lacks many basic tools required to gain insight into the complicated risk embedded in its investments. Some managers rely on fax machines to send and receive vital information." <http://nyti.ms/1nnjrT4>

KANYE'S NEW ALBUM changes name, to debut on a Thursday, with show at MSG -- Village Voice's Silas Valentino: "Kanye West has just announced the rollout for his upcoming seventh album, SWISH, scheduled for a February 11 release. That same day - a Thursday?! - Madison Square Garden will host 'Yeezy Season 3,' featuring the world premiere of the album in its entirety as well as a performance by L.A.-via-Italy's Vanessa Beecroft. ... The event will also be made available in select theaters worldwide ... If Yeezy Season 3 is to follow the same format as West's previous sartorial outings, West will slice up the event as a fashion show/listening party hybrid." <http://goo.gl/QcYZWm>

LOBBYING RULES TIGHTENED - Wall Street Journal's Erica Orden: "New York political consultants' contact with the media will be treated as lobbying that requires public disclosure under measures approved by the state ethics commission on Tuesday, prompting an immediate backlash centered on First Amendment concerns. The Joint Commission on Public Ethics approved the proposal by a 10-3 vote, dictating in its ruling, known as an 'advisory opinion,' that a consultant or public-relations official's contact with the media on behalf of a client for a "grass-roots campaign" be reported to the commission. 'Any attempt by a consultant to induce a third party-whether the public or the press-to deliver the client's lobbying message to a public official would constitute lobbying under these rules,' the advisory opinion reads. The measure 'is in no way intended to restrict a reporter's ability to gather information,' it adds, but rather is 'intended to generate transparency in the activities of paid media consultants.' The threat of such action, however, had prompted concerns about free-speech rights from consultants, civil-rights groups and members of the media, and on Tuesday many voiced complaints about its potential chilling effect on communication." <http://on.wsj.com/1nmL92f>

-- Cuomo spokesman Rich Azzopardi: "This raises some real questions and we'll be reviewing it very closely."

PREET COMING - Gannett's Joseph Spector: "U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara is coming to town. The corruption-fighting federal prosecutor is slated to speak at the state Conference of Mayors' Winter Legislative Meeting on Feb. 8 in the shadows of the Capitol -- where Bharara's office late last year convicted the two former legislative leaders on corruption charges. Bharara will provide insight on ethics in government, said Peter Baynes, the group's executive director. The meeting is at the Hilton Albany, a block from the Capitol. 'Ethics training is always a key component of any training we put on. The first thing they do when they are elected as a local official is they take an oath of office,' Baynes told Gannett's Albany Bureau on Tuesday. 'So good ethics is supposed to flow from that point forward, and it's something we try to remind

them of and educate them about.' The speech will be Bharara's first trip to Albany since his office won the convictions of former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, D-Manhattan, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, R-Nassau County. They both were required to resign from office." <http://lohud.us/1SiiIhT>

-- **Assembly Republican Leader Brian Kolb** is pushing to bring Bharara to address the Legislature. <http://bit.ly/1nmJdXE>

SURVEY: NEARLY 102K SENIORS ON WAIT LIST FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- POLITICO New York's Sally Goldenberg: More than 100,000 senior citizens are on waiting lists for affordable housing, according to a survey released Tuesday by the nonprofit LiveOn NY. The group surveyed senior housing buildings throughout New York City and discovered 101,936 people were waiting an average of seven years to get into 119 different buildings. The report focused on Section 202 buildings, which are funded through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. It surveyed 276 buildings and received responses from 43 percent of them. The findings were released the day before Mayor Bill de Blasio is scheduled to host a town hall meeting on senior housing issues, during which his office said he will take audience questions. <http://goo.gl/Jc6smG>

RAISE THE ROOF -- "Study finds Mayor de Blasio's housing plan is worse than Michael Bloomberg's in offering homes for poorest" -- Daily News' Jennifer Fermino: "Mayor de Blasio's affordable housing plan allocates fewer units for the poorest households in the city than Michael Bloomberg's did, according to a new study - frustrating advocates who say they supported him because he promised to help the neediest. De Blasio's 10-year plan to add 200,000 units of affordable housing kicked off with close to 40,000 units in 2014 and 2015, its first two years in implementation. Of those, 16% were set aside for New Yorkers just barely getting by - including 2,000 units for those making less than \$25,150 a year, according to the analysis from the Real Affordability for All coalition. That's 5% of the total units for those two years. ... 'The report is wrong and disingenuous,' said [de Blasio spokesman] Wiley Norvell." <http://goo.gl/PS9Qcr>

-- **Related:** "The Cuomo administration Tuesday strongly backed a plan by city Controller Scott Stringer to divert \$400 million over 10 years for affordable housing to make needed improvements at the New York City Housing Authority. But Mayor de Blasio quickly threw cold water on the idea, pitting him against two of his frequent critics." **Daily News' Ken Lovett:** <http://goo.gl/K1DQZk>

OLATOYE: Private NYCHA developments will move ahead -- POLITICO New York's Mazin Sidahmed: The city's controversial plan to build apartments on underutilized New York City Housing Authority land to bolster the authority's bottom line is going ahead whether public housing tenants like it or not, New York City Housing Authority chair Shola Olatoye told residents at a hearing Tuesday. "This program is moving forward," Olatoye said in response to a question on whether tenants would be able to refuse infill development. "We believe inaction is unacceptable," she said.

Olatoye's response was met with jeers from the more than 100 tenants who attended the

public hearing on Next Generation NYCHA, which includes plans to lease land on public housing lots to private developers for affordable and market rate housing. Mayor Bill De Blasio rolled out Next Generation NYCHA last May. The 10-year plan includes shifting some of NYCHA's costs on to the City and-perhaps most controversially-leasing underutilized NYCHA property to developers, with the ensuing revenue going back into the housing authority. The de Blasio administration hopes the plan will help close NYCHA's gaping \$17 billion capital funding gap. <http://politi.co/1PCyUM0>

POLICING NYCHA with 'gun out and ... finger by the trigger' -- amNY's Maria Alvarez:

"An NYPD officer testified Tuesday that it's common for officers - like a rookie cop accused in the fatal housing project shooting of an unarmed man - to have their weapons out while patrolling project stairwells. Prosecutors called Officer Andrae Fernandez, an eight-year veteran, to testify at the Brooklyn trial of former NYPD police officer Peter Liang, who is charged with manslaughter in the death of 28-year-old Akai Gurley. ... Liang's attorney, Robert Brown, asked Fernandez under cross examination, if it was 'fair to say when doing vertical patrols you were trained to have your gun out and have your finger by the trigger?' 'Yes,' replied Fernandez, who arrived at the scene shortly after the fatal shooting." <http://goo.gl/D83V0m>

PUSHING FOR SUPPORT -- De Blasio administration ramps up effort for Council votes in horse deal -- POLITICO New York's Gloria Pazmino:

After failing to answer questions from City Council members last week about Mayor Bill de Blasio's long-awaited proposal to move horse carriages off city streets, senior administration officials circulated a memo to members on Tuesday in an effort to answer their questions.

"Councilmember, I know you had a number of questions from the hearing on Friday that required follow up," Jon Paul Lupo, director of the Office of City Legislative Affairs wrote in the email. "The attached sheet and image of 85th Street Shop building below should answer most of those questions. If there is anything else you need please don't hesitate to call or email." The email, obtained by POLITICO New York was only sent to specific council members, others confirmed they had not received the email but were provided with the fact sheet upon request. "They are making their case as best they can," said a member who would only speak on condition of anonymity and confirmed receiving the email. This is obviously very important to the mayor and they are making that very clear."

The fact sheet covers different areas of concern raised by the members last Friday - including the amount of jobs that will be lost; the location of the stable within Central Park; what will happen to the pedicab drivers and the specifics of how and when the horses will be allowed to operate when they are in and out of the park. Administration officials have estimated between 40 and 50 horse carriage industry jobs will be lost after December 1st of this year and they are committing to helping the union find new work for the displaced workers. The legislation does not designate a cap on horse carriage drivers licenses so shifts are expected to decrease and ultimately impact overall employment. <http://politi.co/1PCIIIXI> **SEE THE MEMO:** <http://goo.gl/qma22j>

SHOVEL YOUR OWN SNOW -- Post's Shawn Cohen, Larry Celona and Chris Perez:

"City investigators will look into FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro's use of two fire crews to

clear snow from the front of his Queens home in the blizzard's aftermath, sources said on Tuesday. The Department of Investigation decided to conduct the inquiry after reading about Nigro's apparent abuse of power in The Post, the sources said. The DOI will 'review' why a pair of trucks were sent to Nigro's private residence in Whitestone on Sunday morning - making them unable to respond to emergency calls, the sources said. ... In Albany, Mayor de Blasio tried to downplay the incident when asked about it after his budget testimony. 'Non-story, that's my comment,' the mayor told reporters." <http://goo.gl/jM9JuQ>

-- **Post editorial:** "Ax the fire commissioner": <http://goo.gl/3VkzQu>

--**POST cover, "ALARM BELL! Heat on fire commish for snow job"**

<http://nypost.com/covers/>

-- **Flashback, 2008:** FDNY members were admonished after they were filmed, in uniform, carrying food into then-Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's campaign headquarters on primary day. **NYO:** <http://goo.gl/ad8pUY> **SEE THE VIDEO:** <https://goo.gl/sNIu0D>

-- **Daily News editorial:** "Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia needs to provide a full accounting of why many smaller streets in Queens neighborhoods were still impassable into Monday evening." <http://goo.gl/dD5cmT>

HAPPY MEAL DEBATE -- POLITICO New York's Dan Goldberg: A City Council proposal to regulate foods that come with toys split members of the health committee on Tuesday and raised broader issues over what the de Blasio administration can and should do to combat childhood obesity. Ben Kallos, a Democrat from Manhattan, would like meals that are marketed to kids using toys or other promotional items include a serving of fruit, vegetables or whole grain. The so-called Happy Meals bill would also require that meals be limited to 500 calories, with fewer than 35 percent them coming from fat, fewer than 10 percent coming from saturated fat, fewer than 10 percent from added sugars and fewer than 600 milligrams of sodium. <http://politi.co/1nmpGXb>

FERRARAS-COPELAND wants state to drop the tax on feminine hygiene products. Also: Three bills are being introduced in the Council "to make such products readily available for free in public schools, shelters, and correctional facilities across New York City. ... Currently, there is no citywide policy on access to feminine hygiene products in New York City schools. When girls get their period and aren't carrying tampons or pads, they often must miss class time and go to the nurse's office in order to get what they need." **Gotham Gazette's Meg O'Connor:** <http://goo.gl/qgKzEo>

LONG READ -- "Why Cuomo's Plan to Revive Penn Station Is Pure Fantasy" - Village Voice's Neil Demaue: "'He's taken a lot of projects that many civic groups and residents and elected officials have wanted to see advanced over the years, and he's moving them - and that's a great thing,' says Tri-State Transportation Campaign director Veronica Vanterpool. But with a \$100 billion wish list and no clear priority on which items come first, projects like Penn Station could end up pushing aside even worthier ones. ... Vanterpool ... 'It's almost as if the governor's picking projects out of a bag and jump-starting things without it being part of a larger strategy.'"

<http://goo.gl/Yw8ZD9>

ICYM -- How to build affordable housing in New York City -- Times' Michael

Kimmelman: "New York City once set the standard for subsidized housing. The city started out building and maintaining tens of thousands of apartments for working families, sponsoring job training and social programs. It ran a budget surplus. Government programs like Mitchell-Lama and Section 8 arose to provide private developers with incentives to construct and manage high-quality low- and moderate-income housing. I grew up in Greenwich Village, where James Ingo Freed and I. M. Pei designed a refined trio of high-rises, two of the towers for New York University families, the other for low-income Mitchell-Lama residents. Many old Villagers hated the architecture, but like the Village back then, the project represented equity, openness and the new. Now the Village is like a gated playground for runaway wealth." <http://nyti.ms/1RLZPoR>

EXECUTIVE MOVES -- Kasirer Consulting, one of the top lobbying firms in the city, announced three new hires. **Pakhi Sengupta** was hired as the V.P. for non-profits. Sengupta was the former senior advisor for Youth and Children's Services in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and worked in the City Council's Finance Division. From the announcement: "**Chelsea Goldinger**, served as the Community Affairs and Digital Communications Coordinator for the New York State Department of State, and on Governor Cuomo's re-election effort; and recent Coro Fellow alum **Marelle Goodlander** whose project work at Coro included stints with New York City Department of Finance, Con Edison and the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies." Both will have the title of government relation associates.

BIRTHDAYS: Jake Goldman, a former Bloomberg City Hall aide ... **John Roberts**, chief justice of the Supreme Court (and born in Buffalo!) <http://goo.gl/t1mlFp>

BROADWAY BUZZ - "Broadway and Hollywood mix for hybrid musical 'Grease: Live,'" by AP's Sandy Cohen : "Fox is gearing up to give Broadway a serious dose of the Hollywood treatment[:] 'Grease: Live,' airing Sunday (7 p.m. EST) ... This hybrid of the stage and movie musical blends theater with film, with dynamic camera movements capturing the dance and drama on multiple sets housed in two massive soundstages. ... Cast and crew members will rely on golf carts - or fast feet - to get between the stages during commercial breaks." <http://apne.ws/204ngP0>

TRUMP TALK -- "How Trump Bungled the Deal of a Lifetime," by Bloomberg View's Timothy L. O'Brien, also the author of "Trump Nation: The Art of Being Donald": "Through Trump's rise, fall and rebirth, there was one major real estate project that he tried to keep. ... The deal involved Manhattan's West Side Yards ... Trump's plans for the property included office and residential space; a new broadcasting headquarters for NBC; a rocket-ship-shaped skyscraper that would have been the world's tallest building and cast shadows across the Hudson River into New Jersey; and a \$700 million property tax abatement from the city as an incentive to build it. The \$4.5 billion project -- which Trump called Television City -- would have been New York's biggest development since Rockefeller Center." <http://bv.ms/1KELKSg>

REAL ESTATE -- OUT WITH A BANG-"L+M to demolish four retail buildings on Park

Row," by Real Deal's Kathryn Brenzel: "L + M Development Partners received the go-ahead to tear down four retail buildings in the Financial District, making way for a project that could be bigger than 200,000 square feet. The city issued demolition permits Friday for the properties at 23-33 Park Row, according to Department of Buildings records. The developer first filed demolition applications for two of the buildings in September 2014 and then for the other two in June and August 2015. L+M hasn't filed official plans for redeveloping the site, but paired up with the owners of J&R Music and Computer World in April 2014 to redevelop part of the site." <http://bit.ly/1Qr2xga>

FLASHBACK, FLASH FORWARD-"Daniel Doctoroff Takes His Business to Hudson Yards," by Times' C.J. Hughes: "Daniel L. Doctoroff, the powerful former deputy mayor who pushed to add glittering offices and apartments to industrial areas in New York, giving much of the skyline its current look, is moving to a neighborhood of his making. This week, Mr. Doctoroff is expected to complete a deal to relocate his technology firm, Sidewalk Labs, to Hudson Yards, the enclave on Manhattan's West Side where skyscrapers, shops and parks are being built above railroad tracks." <http://nyti.ms/203A4VJ>

THE HOME TEAMS -- POLITICO New York's Howard Megdal: Thunder 128, Knicks 122: The great Kevin Durant came to The Garden and scored 44 points, overwhelming a strong Knicks performance even without Carmelo Anthony.

-- **Heat 102, Nets 98:** Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh each scored 27, and Wade's late backdoor layup sealed it.

-- **The day ahead:** St. John's goes to The Rock to play Seton Hall in men's basketball.

#UpstateAmerica: A state program is teaching Bhutanese refugees to milk cows at western New York farms. <http://nyti.ms/1Sjrzrs>

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